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1. 危则の名称

ソイルセメント合成抗

2. 特許碧泉の新田

地型の地中内に形成され、底端が拡援で前定長 さの优质塊は径部を打するソイルセメント柱と、 使化崩のソイルセメント住内に圧入され、硬化値 のソイルセメント住と一体の底端に所定長さの途 塩鉱火部を有する突起付銅貨抗とからなることを 特徴とするソイルセメント合成状。

3. 角型の詳細な類別

[准装上の利用分野]

この免別はソイルセメント合成位、特に地盤に 対する抗体強度の向上を図るものに関する。

「健康のは振う

一般の伝は引張さかに対しては、統自軍と周辺 **保掖により低抗する。このため、引抜き力の大き** い近心型の妖塔平の構造物においては、一般の抗 は設計が引收を力で決定され押込み力が介る不進 近な設計となることが多い。そこで、引収を力に 抵抗する工法として従来より第11回に示すアース ンカー工法がある。図にないて、(l) は構造物 である鉄塔、(1) は鉄塔(1) の脚柱で一部が増置 (3) に堪及されている。(4) は難住(2) に一端が 連詰されたアンカー用ケーブル、(5) は地盤(8) の地中深くに埋収されたアースアンカー 、(B) は

供きのアースアンカー工法による鉄場は上足の ように特成され、数据(1)が悪によって機関れし た場合、脚柱(1) に引体を力と伸込み力が作用す るが、即往(1) にはアンカー用ケーブル(4) を介 して地中深く埋散されたアースアンカー(5) が遮 貼されているから、引抜き力に対してアースアン カー(5) が大きな抵抗を育し、鉄塔(1) の間域を 助止している。また、押込み力に対しては抗(8) により抵抗する。

・次に、押込み力に対して主収をおいたものとし て、食薬とりなり類に最大は呼ば低行抗がある。 この始起場所打切は地数(1)をオーガ等で鉄器周 (3a)から支持格(3b)に過するまで短期し、支持軍

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(3b)位配に住近部(7a)を有する状穴(7) を形成し、 は穴(7) 内に鉄筋かご(図水省略) を拡展部(7a) まで組込み、しかる後に、コンクリートを打及し で場所打抗(8) を形成してなるものである。(8a) は場所打抗(8) の始高、(8b)は場所打杖(8) の依 並都である。

かかる従来の拡張場所打抗は上記のように縁成され、場所打抗(4) に引依さ力と押込み力が同様に作用するが、場所打抗(4) の延遠は拡展器(4b)として形成されており支持面数が大きく、圧縮力に対する耐力は大きいから、押込み力に対して大きな抵抗を有する。

[発明が解決しようとする問題点]

上記のような従来のアースアンカー工法による例えば数場では、押込み力が作用した時、アンカー用ケーブル(4) が返贈してしまい押込み力に対して近流がきわめて殴く、押込み力にも抵抗するためには押込み力に抵抗する工法を発用する必要があるという問題点があった。

また、従来の拡圧構所打抗では、引抜き力に対

して低快する引張耐力は決筋量に依存するが、決 防量が多いとコンクリートの打技に無影響を与え ることから、一般に拡展電子くでは軸器(8a)の即 12四のa - a 最新器の配筋量 8.4 ~ 0.8 %となり、 しかも場所打扰(8) の拡展部(8b)における地像 (3) の支持器(8a)間の四面解は強度が支分な場合 の場所打技(8) の引張り耐力は軸部(8a)の引張耐力と等しく、拡展性部(8b)があっても場所打技 (8) の引佐き力に対する抵抗を大きくとることが できないという問題点があった。

この鬼明はかかる四郡点を解決するためになされたもので、引使き力及び押込み力に対しても充分抵抗できるソイルセメント会成就を得ることを目的としている。

【四週点を解決するための手段】

この免別に係るソイルセメント合成就は、地盤の地中内に形成され、底端が拡張で所定長さの状態地域が拡張がなる。それがは、変化である。では、変化をのソイルセメント住内に圧入され、変化をのソイルセメント住と一体の底端に所定長さの底端拡大

部を育する突起性 類質抗とから構成したものである。

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この発明においては地盤の地中内に形成され、 庭院が拡張で所定長さの航艦院拡張事を有するソ イルセメント住と、硬化前のソイルセメント柱内 に圧入され、硬化後のソイルセメント住と一体の 此端に所定長さの巡婚拡大部を有する突起付無智 **欲とからなるソイルセメント合成就とすることに** より、鉄筋コンクリートによる場所打抗に比べて 舞篷坑を内蔵しているため、ソイルセメント合収 抗の引張り耐力は大きくなり、しかもソイルセメ ント柱の成階に抗麻腐拡張部を散けたことにより、 地域の支持型とソイルセメント柱間の制造面裂が 地大し、耐面摩擦による支持力を地大させている。 この支持力の増大に対応させて実起付額管抗の底 端に近端拡大部を放けることにより、ソイルセメ ント社と朝存状間の韓國家復姓度を増大させてい るから、引張り耐力が大きくなったとしても、突 な分別な杭がソイルセメント性から抜けることは

x < 4 6.

(双路例)

第1図はこの発明の一支統例を示す新聞図、第2図(a) 乃至(d) はソイルセメント合成技の施工工程を示す新画図、第3図は拡展ビットと拡展ビットが取り付けられた支配付無管技を示す新画図、第4個は突起付無管技の本体体と広遠域大部を示すを通過である。

図において、(10)は地質、(11)は地質(10)の飲 質量、(12)は地質(10)の支持層、(13)は飲暖燈 (11)と支持器(12)に形成されたソイルセメント性、 (13a) はソイルセメント性(12)の所定の最きす。 (13b) はソイルセメント性(12)の所定の最きす。 を育するに延期拡張部、(14)はソイルセメント性 (13)内に圧入され、移込まれた労能付期智慎、 (14a) は期智慎(14)の本体部、(14b) は期智能 (13)の変態に形成された本体部(14a) より拡張で が(14)内に延入され、発起には異ピット(16)を育する福間質、(16a) は数ほピット(16)に設けられ

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た刃、(17)は批拌ロッドである。

この支絶側のソイルセメント合成抗は郊2日 (a) 乃至(d) に示すように施工される。

地盤 (10)上の所定の変孔位置に、新興ビット (18)を有する預削費 (18)を内部に採過させた気起 付新哲院(14)を立改し、炎紀付鮮春桃(14)を推動 カボで推禁 (io)にねじ込むと共に保険管 (i5)を倒 転させて拡翼ピット(li)により穿孔しながら、仅 はロッド(17)の先端からセメント系変化剤からな るセメントミルク节の注入材を出して、ソイルセ メント柱(13)を形成していく。 そしてソイルセメ ント柱 (13)が地盤 (10)の 炊貨店 (11)の所定課きに 違したら、世界ピット(15)を基げて拡大艇りを行 い、支持員(11)まで乗り退み、武塔が拡張で所定 丑さの抗底塩は迷暦([3b) を育するソイルセメン ト柱(13)を形成する。このとき、ソイルセメント 往(11)内には、底ංには低の圧壊拡大管轄(146) を有する突起付押費収(14)も挿入されている。な お、ソイルセメント性(11)の硬化菌に秩件ロッド (18)及び原剤者(15)を引き抜いておく。

においては、正線割力の強いソイルセメント住(14)と引型割力の強い突起付類を抗(14)とでソイルセメント合成抗(14)が形成されているから、依体に対する呼込み力の抵抗は勿禁、引抜き力に対する抵抗が、従来の拡進場所打ち抗に比べて複数に向上した。

また、ソイルセメント会成に(14)の引張耐力を 地大させた場合、ソイルセメント性 (13)と突接自力 に対してソイルセメント合成板 (14) 会体が地位 に対してソイルセメント合成板 (14) 会体が地位 (10)から抜ける域は(14)かソイルセメント性 (13)から抜けてしまうおぞれがあるした。 かし、地位 (10)の数 (11)と支持感 (12)に成せれたソイルセメント性 (13)がその底端に依依で されたソイルセメント性 (13)がその底端に依依で がに延端は大管部 (14b) が位置するから、ソイルを が成成性には (13b) 内に炭起付期で (14)の所でイル 設 に との底端は大管部 (14b) が位置が (14)の所でイル設 に とのによって地位 (10)の 文件面 (12)とソイルセメン

ソイルセメントが硬化すると、ソイルセメント 柱 (13)と突起性関質院 (14)とが一体となり、 眩暈 に円柱状眩極体 (18b) を有するソイルセメント 合 成性 (18)の形成が発下する。 (182) はソイルセメ ント合成院 (18)の配一般部である。

この実施費では、ソイルセメント柱 (13)の形成 と同時に突起付期情報 (14)も導入されてソイルセ メント合成院 (14)が形成されるが、テめオーガラ によりソイルセメント柱 (13)だけを形成し、ソイ ルセメント硬化質に実起付別電柱 (14)を圧入して ソイルセメント合成数 (15)を形成することもでき

第6回は奥起付無管状の投影機を示す新面図、 第7回は第6回に示す奥起付無管状の変形例の早 面図である。この変形例は、奥起付無管状 (244)の 本体部 (244)の卑地に複数の実起付板が放射状に 突出した底線拡大 収割 (24b) を有するもので、第 3回及び第4回に示す奥起付無管式 (14)と同様に 複数する。

上記のように領政されたソイルセメント合成抗

ト世 (13) 別の周面取留を定が地大したとしても、 これに対応して突起付無管就 (14)の底線に 医腺 け 大空間 (14b) 試いは底塊は大板間 (14b) を設け、 近端での周面組を地大を付無関力が大きくないイ ルセメント性 (13)と次 空付無耐力が大きくない を地大させているから、引無耐力が大きくないた としても突起付無質抗 (14)がソイルセメント としても突起付無質抗 (14)がソイルセメント は13)からはけることはなくなる。 従って抗体に対 するシント合成就 (14) は大きな抵抗を有ける なる。 なお、無質にを実起付無質に (14) としたの は、本体部 (14x) 及び医療は大郎 (14b) の 双方で 却でとソイルセメントの付置強度を高めるためで ある。

次に、この支援側のソイルセメント合成抗における就後の関係について具体的に基明する。

ソイルセメント柱 (13)の抗一般部の後: D s o j 交起 付用 T 抗 (14)の 本 体 部 の 後: D s t j ソイルセメント柱 (13)の底線拡張部の後:

. Dso2

突起付額管院 (14)の 匹福拡大管部の基: D stg とすると、次の条件を異足することがまず必要で ある。

次に、知ら間に示すようにソイルセメント合成 状の抗一般部におけるソイルセメント性(13)と飲 調粉(11)間の単位値数当りの薄膜準値独度をS₁、 ソイルセメント性(13)と変起付期替抗(14)の単位 副額当りの周距準値強度をS₁とした時、D₅₀ とD₅₁は、

S z x S i (D st i / D so i) ー (1) の関係を構足するようにソイルセメントの配合を きめる。このような配合とすることにより、ソイ ルセメント性(11)と増盤(10)間をすべらせ、ここ に関題取除力を得る。

ところで、いま、飲料地質の一倍圧物 独皮を Qu = 1 kg/ d、 序辺のソイルセメントの一特圧 部独皮をQu = 5 kg/ dとすると、この時のソイ ルセメント性(13)と飲料層(11)間の単位節種当り の別面準備性皮S pはS p - Q u / 2 - 0.5 tr/of.

また、炎な付額官式(14)とソイルセメント住(13)間の単位値数当りの同国庫値強定5 1 に、実験記集から5 2 ~ 8.4 Qu ~ 8.4 × 5 km/ ぱっこ 2 km/ ぱが類符できる。上記式(1) の関係から、ソイルセメントの一輪圧智強度が Qu ~ 5 km/ ぱらなった場合、ソイルセメント柱(13)の統一数部(132) の任 D so 1 と 東起付割官抗(14)の本体器(14m) の任の比は、4:1とすることが可能となる。

次に、ソイルセメント合成杭の円柱状鉱造部に っいて述べる。

交給付銀習院(i4)の底端拡大音等(l4b) の证 D st, は、

D ti 2 を D so 1 とする … (c) 上述式(c) の条件を満足することにより、突起付 知管は(i4)の近端は大管部(i4b) の押入が可能と なる。

次に、ソイルセメント柱 (13)の 抗応増拡張率

(130) のほひ 10, は次のように決定する。

まず、引張さ力の作用した場合を考える。

いま、郊り図に示すようにソイルセメント性(13)の优匹螺鉱性部(13b) と支持器(12)間の単位面領当りの計画原線を定をS3、ソイルセメント性(13)の优先端低性部(13b) と突移付期間低(14)の妊娠は大管部(14b) 又は先端拡大級罪(24b) 間の単位面観当りの附面摩擦強度をS4、ソイルセメント性(13)の优成端は後期(13b) と突起付期間低(14)の光地拡大板部(24b) の付着面積をA4、支圧力をFb1とした時、ソイルセメント性(13)の优応端は世部(8b)の登り502 は次のように決定する

x × D so₂ × S₃ × d₂ + F b₁ ≤ A₄ × S 4

F b i はソイルセメント部の破壊と上部の土が破壊する場合が考えられるが、F b i は第9箇に示すように好断敬雄するものとして、次の式で表わせる。

Fb $_{1} = \frac{(Qu \times 2) \times (Dso_{2} - Dso_{1})}{2} \times \frac{\sqrt{t} \times r \times (Dso_{2} + Dso_{1})}{2}$

いま、ソイルセメント合成就 (14)の支持感 (12) となる感は砂または砂油である。このため、ソイルセメント社 (13)の抗症婦試整部 (13b) においては、コンクリートモルタルとなるソイルセメントの放皮は大きく一軸圧縮強度 Q v = 100 kg / d 程度以上の強度が期待で含る。

ここで、Qu=108 kg /cd、 $Dso_1=1.0s$ 、失起付用官族(14)の底轄拡大管轄(14b) の長さ d_1 そ 2.0s、ソイルゼメント性(13)の 拡圧線 拡逐部(13b) の長さ d_2 を 2.5s、 S_3 は 減铬 復示方言から文特層(12)が 砂 貧上の場合、

0.5 N \leq t0 t/㎡とすると、S $_3$ = 20 t/㎡、S $_4$ は 実験結果から S $_4$ = 0.6 \times Q u = 400 t /㎡。A $_4$ が突起付得管板 (14)の医螺拡大管部 (14b) のとき、 D so $_1$ = 1.0a、d $_1$ = 2.0aとすると、

A₄ = = × D so₁ × d₁ = 3.34×1.0e×2.0 = 6.28㎡ これらの単モ上記(2) 式に代入し、更に(3) 式に 代入して、

Det₁ = Deo₁ + S₂ / S₁ E # & E Det₂ = 1.2e E & .

次に、押込み力の作用した場合を考える。

いま、第18回に示すようにソイルセメント住(13)の伝尿症は怪部(13b) と文持郡(12)間の単位面製当りの局面単体強度をS₃、ソイルセメント住(13)の伝症は怪部(13b) と突起付期智統(14b) の底は位大智部(14b) 又は底塊拡大板部(24b) の単位面試当りの背面準接強度をS₄、ソイルセメント住(13)の伝統は不管部(14b) 又は底塊拡大板部(14l)の に増拡大管部(14b) 又は底塊拡大板部(24b) の付着面割をA₄、支圧強度を1b₂とした時、ソイルセメント住(13)の底場位径部(13b)のほり3o。は次にように決定する。

x Dsoz x S3 x d2 + fb 2 x # x (Dso2 /2) \$ \$A4 x S4 -(4)

いま、ソイルセメント合成抗(18)の支持器(12) となる品は、ひまたは砂酸である。このため、ソ イルセメント住(13)の抗反端拡後器(18b) におい

される場合のDso2 は約2.1mとなる。

最後にこの免別のソイルセメントの成就と従来 の彼於場所打抗の引張副力の比較をしてみる。

従来の彼此場所打抗について、場所打抗(1) の 情報(184)の情迷を1000mm、情報(184)の第12間の a — a 以新版の配筋はを1.1 %とした場合におけ る情報の引張引力を計算すると、

以前の引張引力を2000kg /effとすると、

tm 耐の引張引力は52.83 ×3080~188.5com

ここで、情報の引張耐力を決勝の引望離力としているのは場所行法(4) が決勝コンクリートの場合、コンクリートは引張耐力を明符できないから 決勝のみで負担するためである。

次にこの発明のソイルセメント会成就について、 ソイルセメント性 (13)の統一設部 (13a) の 輸通を 1000mm、次起付限で統 (14)の本体部 (14a) の口径 を800mm 、がきを19mmとすると、 では、コンクリートモルタルとなるソイルセメントの強度は大きく、一種圧電被底 Qu は約1000 bg /od 程度の強度が筋砕できる。

 $zz\tau$, Qu = 100 kg / cd, $Dso_1 = 1.0 \text{ c}$ $d_1 = 1.0 \text{ c}$, $d_2 = 1.6 \text{ c}$

f b 1 は運路県京方客から、支持局 (12)が砂職局 の場合、 f b 3 = 201/㎡

S 3 は連路世示方言から、0.5 N ≤ 201/㎡とすると S 、 = 201/㎡、

S 4 は実験結果から S 4 年 8.4 × Qu 年 (8001/ ㎡ A 4 か安起付乗官((14)の馬陽女大智郎(14b) の とま。

D so, = 1.0m、 d, = 2.00とすると、

A₄ = x × D xo₁ × d₁ = 3.14×1.04×2.0 = 5.28m これらの値を上記(4) 式に代入して、

D st, ≤ D so, とすると;

D 10, 42.102 4 6.

だって、ソイルセメント性(14)の放産機能領域 (14a) の篆D sog は引抜き力により快定される場 会のD sog は約1.2mとなり、押込み力により決定

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用作の引張耐力 2400㎏ /diとすると、 次起付無限抗(14)の本体器(148) の引張耐力は 488.2 × 2408≒ 1118,9ton である。

従って、阿倫隆の放配場所打抗の約6倍となる。 それね、従来費に比べてこの発明のソイルセメントの成就では、引促き力に対して、突起付期で抗 の低端に近期拡大部を設けて、ソイルセメント柱 と別では関の付着数度を大きくすることによって 大きな低低をもたせることが可能となった。 【集別の効果】

この丸切は以上或切したとおり、地数の地中内に形成され、圧破が逆後で所定長さの依認がイルセメント性と、硬化前のソイルセメント性内に圧入され、硬化後のソイルセメントを支配付無質試とからなるソイルセメントを支配としているので、過工の際にソイルセメント工法をとることとなるため、低額費、整要数となりまたが少なくなり、また期間にとしているために従

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来の拡出場所行抗に比べて引張制力が向上し、引 強制力の向上に伴い、実起付別智なの配線に定途 拡大感を设け、延衛での関値面裂を地大させてソ イルセメントほと調査就間の付着他度を地大させて ているから、突起付別情報がソイルセメントはか ら比けることなく引張さ力に対して大きな抵抗を 行するという効果がある。

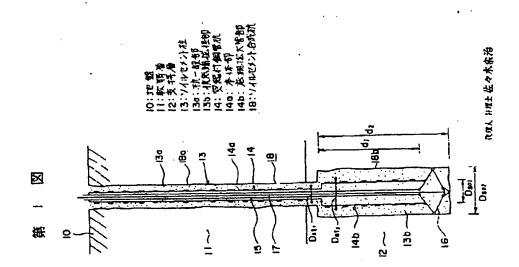
また、契紹付額管託としているので、ソイルセメント性に対して付着力が高まり、引抜き力及び押込み力に対しても抵抗が大きくなるという効果もある。

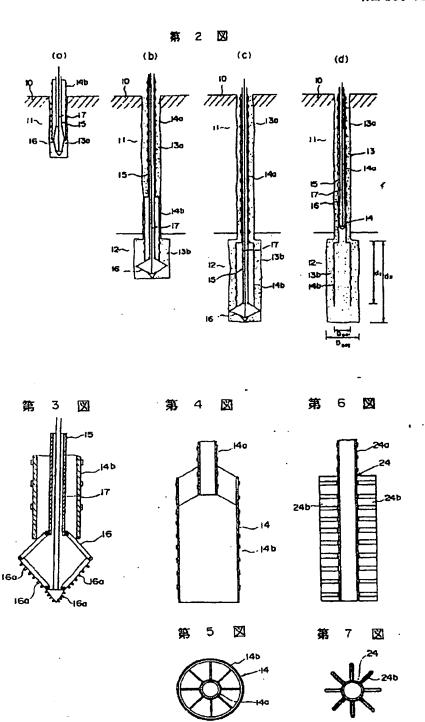
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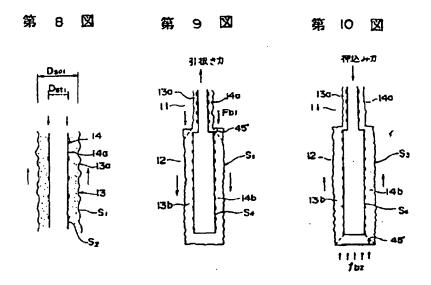
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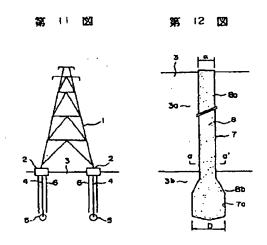
注 1 回はこの発明の一実施別を示す版画図、第 2 図 (a) 乃至(d) はソイルセメント合成族の施工 (18)は地盤、(11)は吹回原、(12)は文神層、(13)はソイルセメント性、(12a) は花一般画、(13b) は枕距離紙径部、(14)は更起付無管板、(14a) は本体部、(14b) は民場紙大管部、(15)はソイルセメント合成板。

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ABSTRACT:
PURPOSE: To raise the drawing and penetrating forces of soil
cement composite
piles by a method in which a steel tubular pile having a
projection with an
expanded bottom end is penetrated into a soil cement column with
an expanded

bottom end in the ground before it hardens.

CONSTITUTION: A steel tubular pile 14 with a projection on the ground 10 is penetrated into the ground 10. An excavating tube 15 is turned and cement milk is injected from the tip of a stirring blade rod 17 while excavating the ground with a expandible blade bit 16 to form a soil cement column 13. When the column 13 reaches a given depth into soft ground layer 11, an expandible blade bit 15 is expanded to excavate an expanded-diameter pit down to the bearing layer 12 in order to form the column 13 with an expanded diameter portion 13b.

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1. Title of the Invention

Soil Cement Composite Pile

2. Scope of the Patent Claims

A soil cement composite pile that is characterized as comprising:

(a) a soil cement column that is formed under the foundation, the bottom end having an expanded diameter, and has a pile bottom end expanded diameter region of prescribed length; and

(b) a projection steel pipe pile that is pressed into the soil cement column before hardening, and has a bottom end enlarged region of prescribed length on the bottom end [sic] that is united with the soil cement column after hardening.

3. Detailed Description of the Invention

(Field of Industrial Utilization)

This invention is related to a soil cement composite pile; in particular, a soil cement composite pile that improves pile strength with respect to the foundation.

(Prior Art)

Common piles oppose pulling force with their own weight and peripheral friction. Therefore, in structures such as steel towers with power transmission wires that have a large pulling force, the pulling force determines the designs of common piles, and they often result in uneconomical designs in which there is an excess pressing force. Thereby, as a method of construction that opposes pulling force, conventionally there has been the earth anchor construction method shown in Figure 11. In the figure, (1) is the structure, the steel tower, and (2) are pier studs of steel tower (1), portions of which are buried in foundation (3). (4) is an anchor cable, one end of which is connected to pier stud (2), (5) is the earth anchor that is buried deep within foundation (3), and (6) is the pile.

Steel towers created through the conventional earth anchor construction method are configured as described above, and if steel tower (1) sways laterally due to the wind, pulling forces and pressing forces act upon pier studs (2), but because earth anchors (5) that are buried deep within the earth are connected to pier studs (2) with anchor cables (4), the earth anchors (5) have large resistance with respect to pulling force and they prevent the collapse of steel tower (1). Moreover, pressing force is opposed by pile (6).

Next, as a focus with respect to pressing force, conventionally there has been the expanded bottom cast-in-place pile shown in Figure 12. This expanded bottom cast-in-place pile is constructed by excavating foundation (3) with an auger from soft layer (3a) to support layer (3b), forming post hole (7) that has expanded bottom region (7a) on the support layer (3b) position, building a reinforced cage (omitted from the figure) inside post hole (7) until expanded bottom region (7a), and thereafter casting concrete to form cast-in-place pile (8). (8a) is the shank of cast-in-place pile (8), and (8b) is the expanded bottom region of cast-in-place pile (8).

This conventional expanded bottom cast-in-place pile is configured as described above. Pulling forces and pressing forces act upon cast-in-place pile (8) in the same way, but the bottom end of cast-in-place pile (8) is formed as the expanded bottom region (8b), the support area is large, and resistance with respect to compressive force is large, so it has large resistance with respect to pressing force. [sic]

(Problems Addressed by the Invention)

With steel towers, for example, that are created through conventional earth anchor construction methods such as that described above, there was the problem in which, when the pressing force acts upon the tower, the anchor cables (4) buckle and the resistance with respect to pressing force becomes extremely weak, so in order to resist pressing force as well, it is necessary to simultaneously use a construction method that resists pressing force.

Moreover, with the conventional expanded bottom cast-in-place pile, the tensile resistance that opposes the pulling force depends on the quantity of reinforcement bars, but because concrete casting is adversely affected when the quantity of reinforcement bars is large, there was the problem in which the bar arrangement quantity of the a-a line cross section of Figure 12 of shank (8a) becomes 0.4 to 0.8%, and furthermore, the tensile resistance of cast-in-place pile (8) is equal to the tensile resistance of shank (8a) if the peripheral frictional strength between support layers (3a) of foundation (3) in the expanded bottom region (8b) of cast-in-place pile (8) is sufficient, and it is not possible to make the resistance large with respect to the pulling force of cast-in-place pile (8) even if there exists expanded bottom column region (8b).

This invention was created in order to solve these problems, so its object is to obtain a soil cement composite pile that can sufficiently resist with respect to both pulling force and pressing force.

(Means for Solving the Problems)

The soil cement composite pile of this invention comprises (a) a soil cement column that is formed under the foundation, the bottom end having an expanded diameter, and has a pile bottom end expanded diameter region of prescribed length, and (b) a projection steel pipe pile that is pressed into the soil cement column before hardening, and has a bottom end enlarged region of prescribed length on the bottom end that is united with the soil cement column after hardening.

(Operation)

In this invention, by creating a soil cement composite pile that comprises (a) a soil cement column that is formed under the foundation, the bottom end having an expanded diameter, and has a pile bottom end expanded diameter region of prescribed length, and (b) a projection steel pipe pile that is pressed into the soil cement column before hardening, and has a bottom end enlarged region of prescribed length on the bottom end that is united with the soil cement column after hardening, the soil cement composite pile tensile resistance becomes large in comparison to cast-in-place piles made of reinforced concrete due to the fact is has a built-in steel pipe pile. Furthermore, by establishing a pile bottom end expanded diameter region on the bottom end of the soil cement column, the periphery area between the support layer of the foundation and the soil cement column is increased, and the bearing capacity due to peripheral friction is increased. By establishing a bottom end enlarged region on the bottom end of the projection steel pipe pile in accordance with this bearing capacity increase, the peripheral frictional strength between the soil cement column and the steel pipe pile is increased, so even if the tensile resistance were to become large, the projection steel pipe pile would not drop out of the soil cement column.

(Examples of Embodiment)

Figure 1 is a cross sectional diagram that shows one example of embodiment of this invention; Figures 2 (a) through (d) are cross sectional diagrams that show the construction processes of the soil cement composite pile; Figure 3 is a cross sectional diagram that shows a projection steel pipe pile to which expansion wing bits are mounted; and Figure 4 is a plan view that shows the main body region and the bottom end enlarged region of the projection steel pipe pile.

In the figures, (10) is the foundation, (11) is the soft layer of foundation (10), (12) is the support layer of foundation (10), (13) is the soil cement column formed on the soft layer (11) and the support layer (12), (13a) is pile general region of soil cement column (13), (13b) is the pile bottom end expanded diameter region that has prescribed length d_2 , (14) is the projection steel pipe pile that is pressed into soil cement column (13) and built up, (14a) is the main body region of steel pipe pile (14), (14b) is the bottom end enlarged pipe region that has a larger diameter than the main unit (14a) formed on the bottom end of steel pipe pile (13) and has prescribed length d_1 , (15) is the excavating pipe that is inserted into steel pipe pile (14) and has expansion wing bit (16) on its tip, (16a) is the edge that is established on expansion wing bit (16), and (17) is a stirring rod.

The soil cement composite pile of this embodiment is constructed as shown in Figures 2 (a) through (d).

Projection steel pipe pile (14), which passes excavating pipe (15) that has expansion wing bit (16) into the interior, is established at a prescribed borehole position on foundation (10). Projection steel pipe pile (14) is screwed into foundation (10) using electromotive power, and while rotating excavating pipe (15) and boring with expansion wing bit (16), an infusing material such as cement milk made from a cement-family hardening agent is extracted from the tip of stirring rod (17), and soil cement column (13) is formed. Then, when soil cement column (13) reaches a prescribed depth in the soft layer (11) of foundation (10), expansion wing bit (15) is expanded and enlargement boring is performed and continued until support layer (12), and soil cement column (13), whose bottom end has an expanded diameter and has a pile bottom end expanded diameter region (13b) of prescribed length, is formed. At this time, projection steel pipe pile (14), which has bottom end enlarged pipe region (14b) with an expanded diameter on the bottom end, is also inserted into soil cement column (13). Furthermore, stirring rod (16) [sic] and excavating pipe (15) are drawn out prior to the hardening of soil cement column (13).

When the soil cement hardens, soil cement column (13) and projection steel pipe pile (14) become unified, and the formation of soil cement composite pile (18), which has cylindrical expanded diameter region (18b) on its bottom end, is completed. (18a) is the pile general region of soil cement composite pile (18).

In this example of embodiment, projection steel pipe pile (14) is also inserted simultaneously with the formation of soil cement column (13) to form soil cement composite pile (18), but it is also possible to form soil cement composite pile (18) by forming cement column (13) with an auger in advance soil and pressing projection steel pipe pile (14) prior to soil cement hardening.

Figure 6 is a cross sectional diagram that shows an example of variation of the projection steel pipe pile, and Figure 7 is a plan view of the example of variation of the projection steel pipe pile shown in Figure 6. This variation has on the bottom end of the main body region (24a) of projection steel pipe pile (24) bottom end expanded plate regions (24b) in which a plurality of projection plates project radially, so it functions in the same manner as projection steel pipe pile (14) shown in Figure 3 and Figure 4.

In the soil cement composite pile configured as described above, soil cement composite pile (18) is formed with soil cement column (13) that has strong compression resistance and projection steel pipe pile (14) that has strong tensile resistance, so not only the pressing force resistance with respect to the pile, but the resistance with respect to pulling force is also markedly improved in comparison to the conventional expanded bottom cast-in-place pile.

Moreover, if the tensile resistance of soil cement composite pile (18) is increased, if the bond strength between soil cement column (13) and joint steel pipe pile (14) is low, then there is the danger that projection steel pipe pile (14) will escape from soil cement column (13) due to pulling force before the entire soil cement composite pile (18) escapes from foundation (10). However, soil cement column (13) that is formed on the soft layer (11) and the support layer (12) of foundation (10) has on its bottom end a pile bottom end expanded diameter region (13b) with an expanded diameter and prescribed length, and bottom end enlarged pipe region (14b) with prescribed length on projection steel pipe pile (14) is located within this pile bottom end expanded diameter region (13b). Therefore, pile bottom end expanded diameter region (13b) is established on the bottom end of soil cement column (13), and even if the peripheral frictional strength between the support layer (12) of foundation (10) and soil cement column (13) increases because the periphery area at the bottom end becomes greater than the pile general region (13a), either bottom end enlarged pipe region (14b) or bottom end enlarged plate region (24b) is established on the bottom end of projection steel pipe pile (14) in response to this. The bond strength between soil cement column (13) and projection steel pipe pile (14) is increased by increasing the periphery area at the bottom end, so even if the tensile resistance becomes large, projection steel pipe pile (14) will not escape from soil cement column (13). Accordingly, in addition to pressing force with respect to the pile, of course, soil cement composite pile (18) will have large resistance with respect to pulling force as well. Moreover, the reason that the projection steel pipe pile (14) was used as the steel pipe pile was to increase the soil cement bond strength with the steel pipe in both the main body region (14a) and the bottom end enlarged region

Next, the pile diameter relationship in the soil cement composite pile of this example of embodiment will be described in detail.

If the diameter of the pile general region of soil cement column $(13) = Dso_1$, the diameter of the main body region of projection steel pipe pile $(14) = Dst_1$, the diameter of the bottom end expanded diameter region of soil cement column $(13) = Dso_2$, and the diameter of the bottom end enlarged pipe region of projection steel pipe pile $(14) = Dst_2$, then it is first necessary to satisfy the following conditions:

$$Dso_1 > Dst_1$$
 ... (a)
 $Dso_2 > Dso_1$... (b)

Next, as shown in Figure 8, when the peripheral frictional strength per unit area between soil cement column (13) and the soft layer (11) in the pile general region of the soil cement composite pile is taken to be S_1 , and the peripheral frictional strength per unit area of soil cement column (13) and projection steel pipe pile (14) is taken to be S_2 , the soil cement combination is decided such that Dso_1 and Dst_1 satisfy the relation:

$$S_2 \ge S_1 \quad (Dst_1/Dso_1) \qquad \dots (1)$$

By taking such a combination, soil cement column (13) and foundation (10) are made to mutually slide and peripheral frictional force is obtained.

Incidentally, if at this time the uniaxial compressive strength of the soft foundation is taken to be $Qu = 1 \text{ kg/cm}^2$, and the uniaxial compressive strength of the peripheral soil cement is taken to be $Qu = 5 \text{ kg/cm}^2$, then the peripheral frictional strength S_1 per unit area between soil cement column (13) and soft layer (11) at this time becomes $S_1 = Qu/2 = 0.5 \text{ kg/cm}^2$.

Moreover, from experimental results, the peripheral frictional strength S_2 per unit area between projection steel pipe pile (14) and soil cement column (13) can be expected to be $S_2 = 0.4$ Qu = 0.4×5 kg/cm² = 2 kg/cm². From the relation of formula (1) described above, when the uniaxial compressive strength of the soil cement becomes Qu = 5 kg/cm², it is possible to make 4:1 the ratio of the diameter Dso₁ of pile general region (13a) of soil cement column (13) to the diameter of main body region (14a) of projection steel pipe pile (14).

Next, the cylindrical expanded diameter region of the soil cement composite pile will be explained.

The diameter Dst₂ of bottom end enlarged pipe region (14b) of projection steel pipe pile (14) is taken to be

$$Dst_2 \leq Dso_1$$
 ... (c)

By satisfying the condition of the formula (c) above, the insertion of bottom end enlarged pipe region (14b) of projection steel pipe pile (14) becomes possible.

Next, the diameter Dso₂ of the pile bottom end expanded diameter region (13b) of soil cement column (13) is determined as follows.

First, the case in which pulling force operates is considered.

As shown in Figure 9, if at this time the peripheral frictional strength per unit area between pile bottom end expanded diameter region (13b) of soil cement column (13) and support layer (12) is taken to be S_3 , the peripheral frictional strength per unit area between the pile front end expanded diameter region (13b) of soil cement column (13) and the bottom end enlarged pipe region (14b) or the front end enlarged plate region (24b) of projection steel pipe pile (14) is taken to be S_4 , the bond area of the pile bottom end expanded diameter region (13b) of soil cement column (13) and the front end enlarged plate region (24b) of projection steel pipe pile (14) is taken to be A_4 , and the bearing force is taken to be A_5 , then diameter A_5 of expanded bottom region (8b) is determined in the following manner:

$$\pi \times Dso_2 \times S_3 \times d_2 + Fb_1 \leq A_4 \times S_4 \qquad \dots (2)$$

As for Fb₁, cases in which the soil cement region is destroyed and the earth of the upper region is destroyed can be considered, but as shown in Figure 9, Fb₁ can be expressed with the following formula as a shear fracturing force:

$$Fb_1 = \underbrace{(Qu \times 2) \times (Dso_2 - Dso_1)}_{2} \times \underbrace{\sqrt{2 \times \pi \times (Dso_2 + Dso_1)}}_{2} \qquad \dots (3)$$

At this time, the layer that becomes the support layer (12) of soil cement composite pile (18) is either sand or gravel. Therefore, in pile bottom end expanded diameter region (13b) of soil cement column (13), the strength of the soil cement that becomes concrete mortar is large, and strength greater than the order of uniaxial compressive strength $Qu = 100 \text{ kg/cm}^2$ can be expected.

Here, $Qu = 100 \text{ kg/cm}^2$, $Dso_1 = 1.0 \text{ m}$, length d_1 of the bottom end enlarged pipe region (14b) of projection steel pipe pile (14) is taken to be 2.0 m, length d_2 of pile bottom end expanded diameter region (13b) of soil cement column (13) is taken to be 2.5 m, and if $0.5 \text{ N} \le 20 \text{ t/m}^2$ when support layer (12) is sandy soil from the highway bridge specification, then $S_3 = 20 \text{ t/m}^2$ and $S_4 = 0.4 \times Qu = 400 \text{ t/m}^2$ from experimental results. When A_4 is the bottom end enlarged pipe region (14b) of projection steel pipe pile (14), if $Dso_1 = 1.0 \text{ m}$ and $d_1 = 2.0 \text{ m}$, then:

$$A_4 = \pi \times Dso_1 \times d_1 = 3.14 \times 1.0 \text{ m} \times 2.0 = 6.28 \text{ m}^2$$
.

Substituting these values into the aforementioned formula (2), and further substituting them into formula (3),

if
$$Dst_1 = Dso_1 \cdot S_2/S_1$$
, then $Dst_2 = 2.2$ m.

Next, the case in which pressing force operates is considered.

As shown in Figure 10, if at this time the peripheral frictional strength per unit area between pile bottom end expanded diameter region (13b) of soil cement column (13) and the support layer (12) is taken to be S₃, the peripheral frictional strength per unit area of pile bottom expanded diameter region (13b) of soil cement column (13) and bottom end enlarged pipe region (14b) or bottom end enlarged plate region (24b) of projection steel pipe pile (14) is taken to be S₄, the bond area of pile bottom expanded diameter region (13b) of soil cement column (13) and bottom end enlarged pipe region (14b) or bottom end enlarged plate region (24b) of projection steel pipe pile (14) is taken to be A₄, and the bearing force is taken to be fb₂, then the diameter Dso₂ of bottom expanded diameter region (13b) of soil cement column (13) is determined in the following manner:

$$\pi \times Dso_2 \times S_3 \times d_2 + fb_2 \times \pi \times (Dso_2/2)^2 \le A_4 \times S_4 \qquad \dots (4)$$

At this time, the layer that becomes the support layer (12) of soil cement composite pile (18) is either sand or gravel. Therefore, in pile bottom end expanded diameter region (13b) of soil cement column (13), the strength of the soil cement that becomes concrete mortar is large, and the uniaxial compressive strength Qu can be expected to be approximately 1000 kg/cm².

Here, Qu = 100 kg/cm^2 , Dso₁ = 1.0 m, d₁ = 2.0 m, and d₂ = 2.5 m; fb₂ = 20 t/m^2 when support layer (12) is sandy soil from the highway bridge specification; S₃ = 20 t/m^2 if $0.5 \text{ N} \le 20 \text{ t/m}^2$ from the highway bridge specification; S₄ = $0.4 \times \text{Qu} = 400 \text{ t/m}^2$ from experimental results; and when A₄ is the bottom end enlarged pipe region (14b) of projection steel pipe pile (14),

if
$$Dso_1 = 1.0$$
 m and $d_1 = 2.0$ m, then
 $A_4 = \pi \times Dso_1 \times d_1 = 3.14 \times 1.0$ m $\times 2.0 = 6.28$ m².

Substituting these values into formula (4) described above,

if
$$Dst_2 \le Dsol$$
, then $Dso_2 = 2.1m$.

Accordingly, as for diameter Dso₂ of pile bottom end expanded diameter region (14a) of soil cement column (13), Dso₂ that is determined by pulling force becomes approximately 2.2 m, and Dso₂ that is determined by pressing force becomes approximately 2.1m.

Finally, the tensile resistance of the soil cement composite pile of this invention will be compared with the tensile resistance of the conventional expanded bottom cast-in-place pile.

With regard to the conventional expanded bottom cast-in-place pile, if the axis diameter of shank (8a) of cast-in-place pile (8) is taken to be 1000 mm and the tensile resistance of the shank when the bar arrangement quantity is set to 0.8% is calculated for the a-a line cross section of Figure 12 of shank (8a), then the reinforcement bar quantity is:

$$\frac{100^2}{4}$$
 $\pi \times \frac{0.8}{100}$ = 62.83 cm²

If the tensile resistance of the reinforcement bars is taken to be 3000 kg/cm², then the tensile resistance of the shank is $62.83 \times 3000 = 188.5$ tons.

Here, the reason that the tensile resistance of the shank is taken to be the tensile resistance of the reinforcement bars is that concrete cannot rely on tensile resistance, so cast-in-place pile (8) is supported by reinforcement bars alone if it is reinforced concrete.

Next, with regard to the soil cement composite pile of this invention, if the shank of the pile general region (13a) of soil cement column (13) is taken to be 1000 mm, the bore diameter of main body region (14a) of projection steel pipe pile (14) is taken to be 300 mm, and the thickness is taken to be 19 mm, then the steel pipe cross sectional area is 461.2 cm².

If the tensile resistance of the steel pipe is taken to be 2400 kg/cm², then the tensile strength of main body region (14a) of projection steel pipe pile (14) is $466.2 \times 2400 = 1118.9$ tons.

Accordingly, this becomes approximately six times the coaxial diameter expanded bottom cast-in-place pile. Therefore, in comparison to the conventional examples, it has become possible with the soil cement composite pile of this invention to establish large resistance with respect to pulling force by establishing a bottom end enlarged region on the bottom end of the projection steel pipe pile and increasing the bond strength between the soil cement column and the steel pipe pile.

(Effects of the Invention)

As explained above, this invention forms a soil cement composite pile that comprises (a) a soil cement column that is formed under the foundation, the bottom end having an expanded diameter, and has a pile bottom end expanded diameter region of prescribed length, and (b) a projection steel pipe pile that is pressed into the soil cement column before hardening, and has a bottom end enlarged region of prescribed length on the bottom end [sic] that is united with the soil cement column after hardening. Therefore, because a soil cement construction method is employed at the time of construction, it has a low noise level, low vibration, and little waste. Furthermore, because it uses a steel pipe pile, the tensile resistance is improved in comparison to the conventional expanded bottom cast-in-place pile. In step with the improvement of tensile resistance, the bond strength between the soil cement column and the steel pipe pile is increased by establishing a bottom end enlarged region on the bottom end of the projection steel pipe pile and increasing the periphery area with the bottom end, so there is also the effect that the projection steel pipe pile will not escape from the soil cement column and it has large resistance with respect to pulling force.

Moreover, because a projection steel pipe pile is used, the bond adherence with respect to the soil cement column increases, so there is also the effect that the resistance therefore becomes large with respect to both pulling force and pressing force.

Furthermore, optimal pile construction is possible with respect to each of the loads by modifying the diameters of lengths of the pile bottom end expanded diameter region of the soil cement column or the bottom end enlarged region of the projection steel pipe pile according to the sizes of the pulling force and the pressing force, so there is also the effect that economical piles can be constructed.

4. Brief Description of the Drawings

Figure 1 is a cross sectional diagram that shows one example of embodiment of this invention; Figures 2 (a) through (d) are cross sectional diagrams that show the construction process of the soil cement composite pile; Figure 3 is a cross sectional diagram that shows a projection steel pipe pile to which expansion wing bits are mounted; Figure 4 is a cross sectional diagram that shows the main body region and the bottom end enlarged region of the projection steel pipe pile; Figure 5 is a plan view that shows the main body region and the front end enlarged pipe region of this projection steel pipe pile; Figure 6 is a cross sectional diagram that shows an example of variation of the projection steel pipe pile; Figure 7 is a plan view of the example of variation of the projection steel pipe pile shown in Figure 6; Figure 8 is an explanatory diagram for the purpose of securing the foundation bearing capacity of the soft layer; Figure 9 is an explanatory diagram for the purpose of securing the foundation bearing capacity of the support layer with respect to pulling force; Figure 10 is an explanatory diagram for the purpose of securing the foundation bearing capacity of the support layer with respect to pressing force; Figure 11 is an explanatory diagram that shows a steel tower created through the conventional earth anchor construction method; and Figure 12 is a cross sectional diagram that shows the conventional expanded bottom cast-in-place pile.

(10) is the foundation, (11) is the soft layer, (12) is the support layer, (13) is the soil cement column, (13a) is the pile general region, (13b) is the pile bottom end expanded diameter region, (14) is the projection steel pipe pile, (14a) is the main body, (14b) is the bottom end enlarged pipe region, and (18) is the soil cement composite pile.

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Figure 1

10: Foundation

11: Soft layer

12: Support layer

13: Soil cement column

13a: Pile general region

13b: Pile bottom end expanded diameter region

14: Projection steel pipe pile

14a: Main body

14b: Bottom end enlarged pipe region

18: Soil cement composite pile

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Figure 2

Figure 3

Figure 4

Figure 6

Figure 5

Figure 7

Figure 8

Figure 9 Pulling Force

Figure 10 Pressing Force

Figure 11

Figure 12

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